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SUBJECT: RHODESIA: GOVERNMENT GRANTS AMNESTY TO
GUERRILLAS

REF: PRETORIA A-07 (NOTAL)

1. ON JANUARY 20, THE RHODESIAN GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED THAT ALL "TERRORISTS" CAN NOW "RETURN TO RHODESIA IN PEACE" WITHOUT FEAR OF GOVERNMENT RETRIBUTION. NO DETAILS WERE GIVEN ON MODALITIES, BUT A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE GUERRILLAS WERE BEING INFORMED OF THE OFFER AND TOLD HOW "TO TAKE ADVANTAGE." THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT SUCH
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AMNESTY PROGRAMS HAD BEEN DONE IN THE PAST BUT NEVER ON A NATIONAL BASIS. THIS ACTION WAS TAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT, ACCORDING TO THE SPOKESMAN, BECAUSE THERE WAS INCREASING EVIDENCE OF DISSATISFACTION AND LOW MORALE AMONGST THE GUERRILLA FIGHTERS. THE SPOKESMAN ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT THIS MOVE WAS NOT TO BE TAKEN AS AN IMPLICATION OF "A SLACKENING RESOLVE TO PROSECUTE THE

WAR WITH ALL THE FORCE AT THE GOVERNMENT'S COMMAND
AGAINST THOSE WHO IGNORE THIS OFFER."

2. ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS, THE GOVERNMENT HAS LAUNCHED
A CAMPAIGN TO DROP OVER A MILLION LEAFLETS IN OPERATIONAL
AREAS EXPLAINING THE AMNESTY. SEVERAL REPORTS SAY THAT
MANY GUERRILLAS HAD ALREADY TAKEN UP THE OFFER BUT THAT
THERE WAS NO APPARENT SLACKENING IN THE WAR EFFORT OR INTENSITY
OVER THE WEEKEND.

3. PRESS ACCOUNTS ALSO STATE THAT THE RHODESIAN GOVERNMENT
OVER THE WEEKEND PLACED A TOTAL EMBARGO ON NEWS AND
COMMENT RELATING TO THE NEW AMNESTY POLICY. THE DEPUTY
MINISTER OF INFORMATION STATED THAT THIS WAS "ESSENTIAL TO
ENSURE THAT THE TERRORISTS LIKELY TO RESPOND TO THIS
OFFER ARE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO SO. " RHODESIAN
JOURNALIST ORGANIZATIONS CONDEMNED THE MOVE WHICH FOLLOWS
A SIMILAR BAN ON REPORTING DEFENCE MATTERS (REFAIR).
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